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For Producing Same**  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$130.00 to cover extension fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a); and
3. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, with Exhibits 1-3;  
**Exhibit 1:** Interview Form entitled "Therapeutic drug for peripheral neuropathy" Methycobal® Injection 500 µg (Mecobalamin drug product) prepared with reference to IF Preparation Guidelines of Japanese Society of Hospital Pharmacists (September 1998), published in November 2000 (first version of new form);  
**Exhibit 2:** Drug for peripheral neuropathies - Methycobal® injection 500 µg; and  
**Exhibit 3:** Interview Form entitled "Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Preparation, Japanese Pharmacopoeia Cyanocobalamin Injection, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Injection <<Nichi-Iko>> 1 mg.

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